

Getting Started with Inspiration

Introduction:

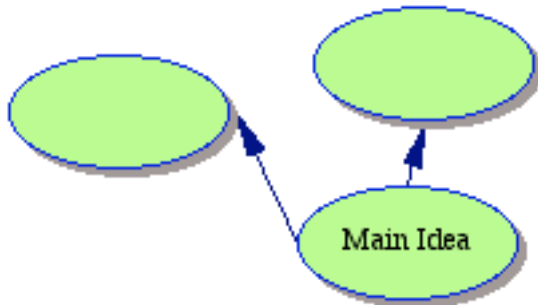
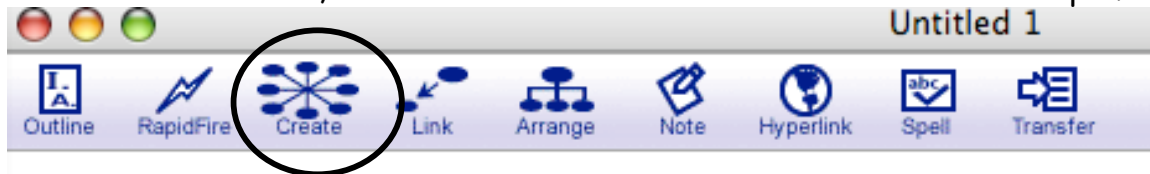
Inspiration is a program designed for students to create idea webs and pictorial timelines. It provides a visual representation for the way in which topics fit together. Students have the opportunity to be very creative as they complete their projects.

Getting Started:

1. When you first open Inspiration, you will see the main idea bubble. If creating an idea web, this is where the broad topic is placed. If working with a timeline, this is a good place for the first step of the timeline.



2. To add more bubbles, students will click on the create button on the top of the toolbar.

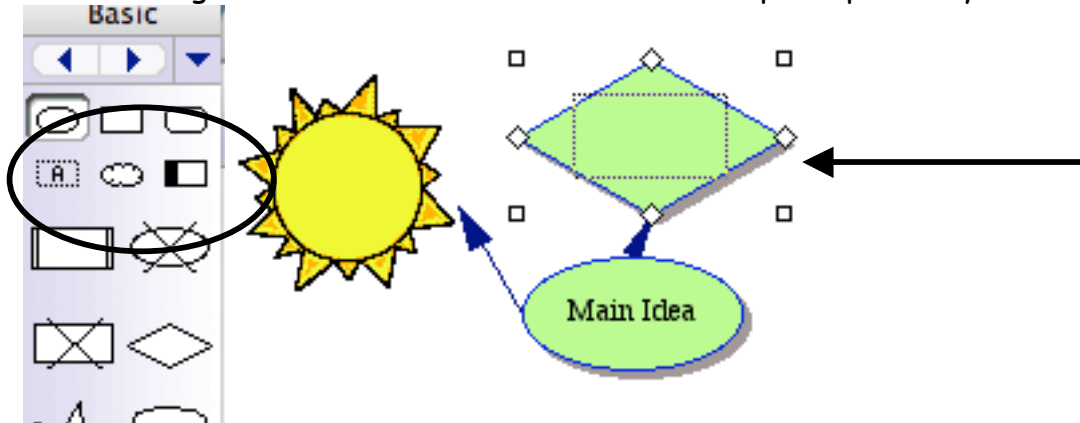


3. To ensure that items come off the main bubble, the student will have to first click on the main bubble (there will be handles around it) and then click "Create" at the top of the screen.
 - It is helpful to refer to the main bubble as "home base." If a second grouping is needed, the student must click either onto the background or onto another bubble to link from there.

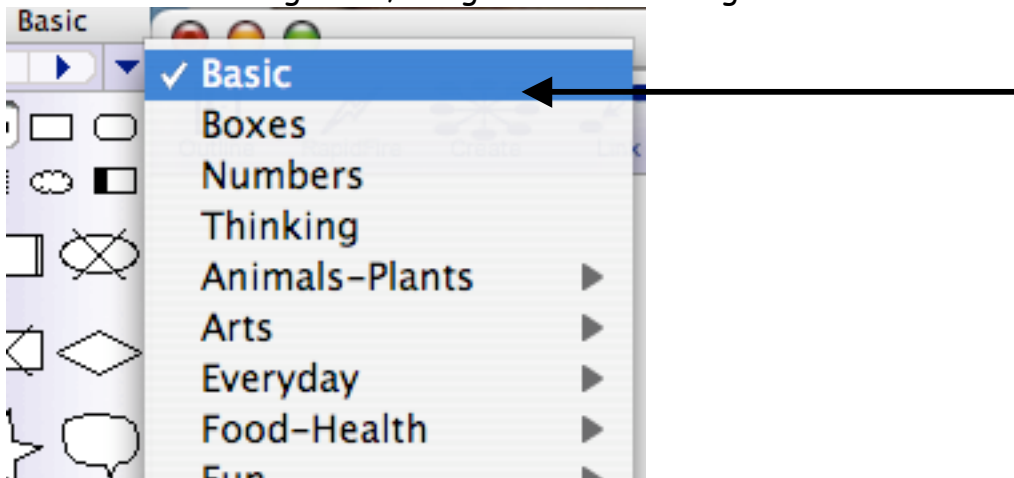
4. The link button on the toolbar can be used to link bubbles together at a later time.



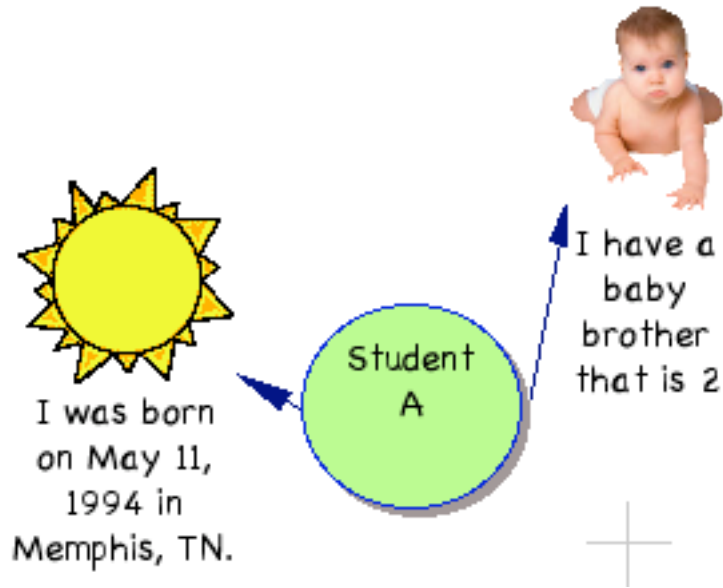
5. Students have the option of changing the shape of the bubble to a different type or to a picture. Use the sidebar on the left to do this. Click on the bubble you wish to change. You will get handles around it. Click on the shape or picture you wish to use.



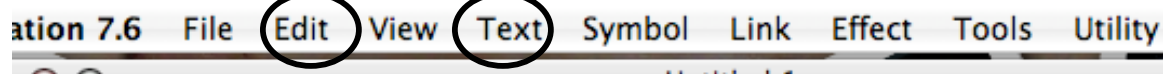
6. To choose different pictures, use the arrows to go through all of the picture options or the arrow facing down, will give a list of categories.



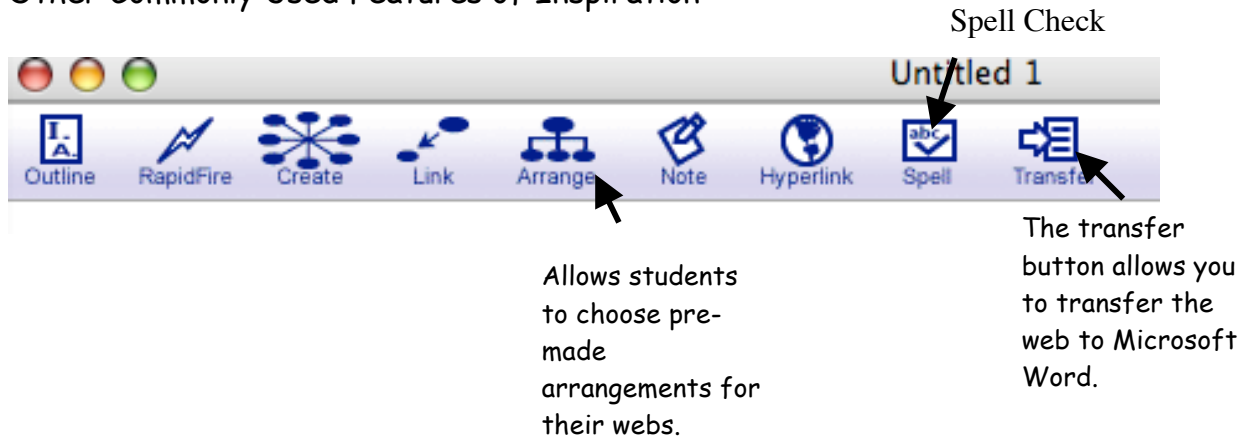
7. Students may type in the bubbles or below the pictures. The bubble will expand to fit the amount of text that goes in the bubble.



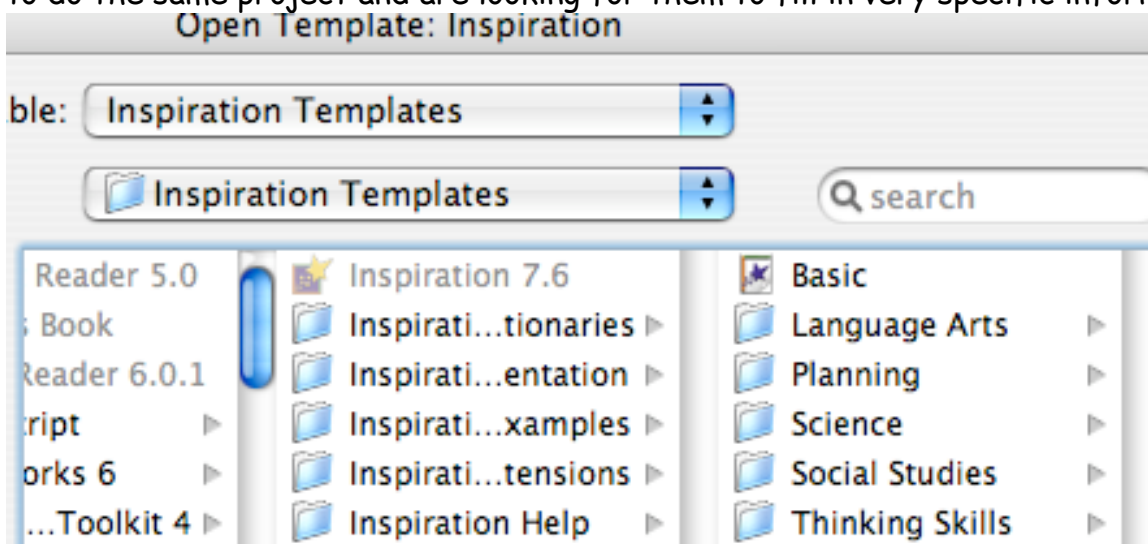
8. The menu bar at the top will allow students to change the font and the size of the text. When the web is finished, the students can choose edit, select all, then text to change the entire web at once.



Other Commonly Used Features of Inspiration



You will find ready made templates for each subject area by going to the file menu and choosing open template. Students can open these in the lab - the directions on the template tell them exactly what information to put where. These are helpful if you want each student to do the same project and are looking for them to fill in very specific information.



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